Joint Task Force Full Accounting

Senior Leadership Conference

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OVERVIEW

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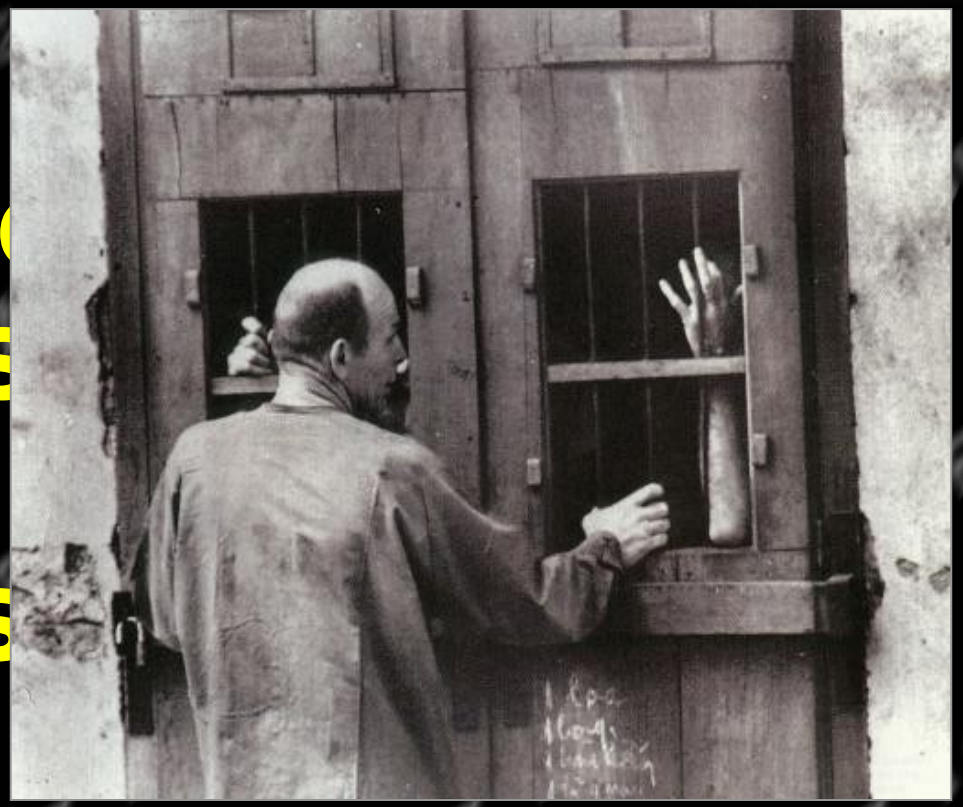
- Challenges
- Merger



Mission:

JTF-FA conducts operations, to include analysis, investigations, archival research, and recovery of remains, to achieve the fullest possible accounting of Americans still missing or unaccounted-for as a result of the war in Southeast Asia

Commanders Intent

Our Key Tasks are:

- **Conduct Analysis**
- **Conduct Archival Research**
- **Conduct Investigations**
- **Conduct Recovery of Remains**

Our Prioritized guidance to execute our JFA

- **Live sightings**
- **Last Known Alive**
- **Cases to be Investigated**
- **Open Excavation Cases.**

Key Players

- FAMILIES
- PACOM
- DPMO
- DIA (Stony Beac
- STATE
- CILHI
- AFDIL
- LSEL
- VETERAN GROUP

JTF-FA Today

Challenges

- Mountains
- Water
- Isolated
- Leads
- Time

JTF-FA Organization

Commander
JTF-FA
Steven J. Redmann
Brigadier General, USAF

J1 - Admin
CDR Karen Edwards, USN

J2 - Intel
Mr. Richard Hites, GS-14

J3 - Plans & Operations
LTC Jay D. George, USA

J4 - Logistics
MAJ Tim Orner, USA

Deputy Commander
Claude Davis
LTC(P), USMC

J5 - Negotiations
LCDR Jesus Romero, USN

J6 - Comm
1LT Wade Parton, USAF

Public Affairs
LTC Jerry O'Hara, USA

First Sergeant
1SG Mike Campbell, USA

Det 1 Thailand
Commander
t Col Mike Dembroski, USA

Det 2 Vietnam
Commander
LTC Steve Hawley, USA

Det 3 Laos
Commander
LTC Tom Knight, USA

Key Functions

J1
Manpower
Administration

J2
Case Analysis
Lead Development
Recovery
Assessments
Archival Research
Stony Beach
Integration
Oral History
Unilateral Program
Records Maintenance
Wreckage Analysis
LSEL Integration

J3
Plans
Operations
Field-
Investigations
Medical
MEDEVAC
Air
Explosive Ordnance
Disposal
Anti-Terrorism
Force Protection
Safety

J4
Logistics
Finances
Maintenance

J5
Policy &
Negotiations

J6
Communications
Computer
Systems
Support

PAO
Media Relations
Outreach

Bangkok
DET 1
Hanoi
DET 2
Hawai
i
JTF-
FA
Vientiane
DET 3
Black
Fan Si Pan
Red
Dien Bien Phu
HANOI
Haip
TRUONG
SON
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LAOS
Gulf
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South China
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Da Nang
THAILAND
VIETNAM
Mekong
CAMBODIA
Buon Me Thuc
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Andaman
Sea
Gulf of
Thailand
Bien
Ho Chi Minh City
Chau Doc
Can Tho
My Tho
Ca Mau
Soc Trang

Analysis Process

WITNESS STATEMENTS

AMILY MEMBE INFORMATIO

PERIOD REPORTS PHOTOS

PERIOD IMAGERY

LSEL Stony Beach

VN SECTION

LA / CB SECTION

ARCHIVAL RESEARCH

USA CILHI ANALYSTS

UNILATERAL REQMNT

JOINT LEAD

DPMO ANALYSTS

Negotiations

JTF-FA Commander negotiates with governments:

- **Laos twice a year**
- **Vietnam four times a year**
- **Cambodia once a year**

Det Commanders Nego

- **Land Compensation**
- **Local Hire**
- **Special Equipment**

Investigation Process

VNOSMP/UNILAT Team
LAOS POW/MIA Committee
KOC POW/MIA Team

ADVANCE WORK

Investigative Element

JOINT INTERVIEW

SITE SURVEY

EXCAVATE

REASSESS

Excavation Decision Process

THREE-STAGE-PROCESS

1. Investigation
2. Evaluation
3. Scheduling

Excavation Decision Process

- Investigation: Locating the site.
  - Research records
  - Field investigation
  - Survey of site
  - Report (DRI)

Investigation Element (IE)

9 Person Team

- Witness interviews
- Village canvassing
- Site surveys

Research Investigation Team (RIT)

- 5 Person Team (Senior Linguist
  - Focus on “Last-Known-Alive”
  - Oral History Program Intervie
  - Targeted Research

Group 559 Witness

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Excavation Decision Process

Evaluation: Potential for recovery

- AAR by IE Team
- Analyst review
- Excavation Decision Brief (EDB)
- Recovery Assessment Pap

Excavation

EXCAVATION SITE

ACTIVE EXCAVATION LIST

VIETNAM	**45 sites / 82 individuals**
LAOS	**72 sites / 118 individuals**
CAMBODIA	**6 sites / 12 individuals**

Recovery Element (RE)

Average 12-14

Team Ldr	O3-O4	CILHI
Asst. Tm Ldr	E7	CILHI
Analyst/Ling	E4-E7	JTF
Medic	E6-E7	
EOD	E6-E7	
LST	E6-E7	
Anthro	Civ	
Mort Affairs	E4-E6 (3)	CIL
Photo	E4-E6	
Commo	E5-E6	

Excavation Decision Process

Scheduling:

Climate- Accessibility of sites

Local/National Issues- N ⇨ S
Laos

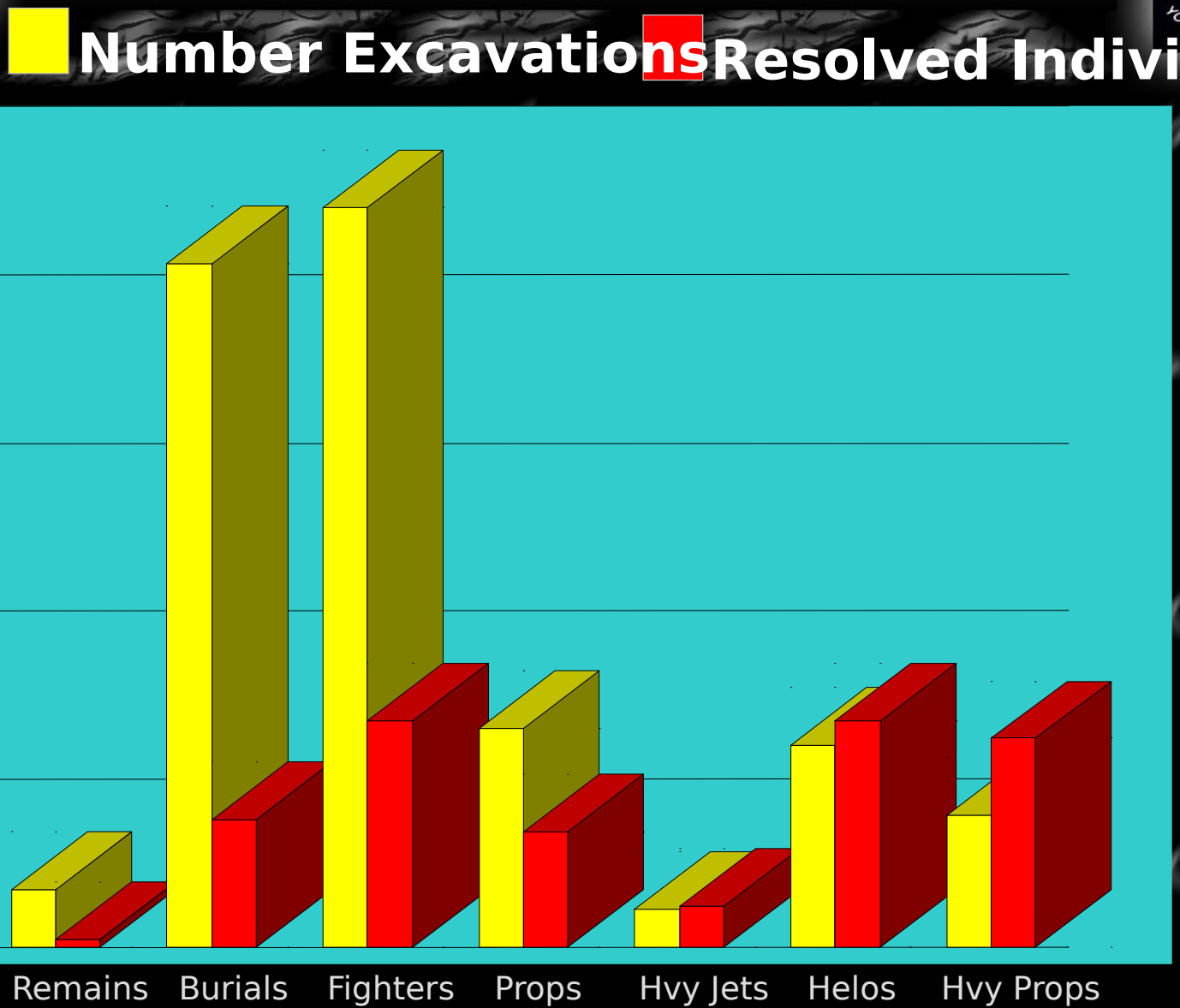
Elections

Restricted Areas

Military Maneuvers

Safety- Crime, UXO, unrest

SEA Excavations ('92-'02)



Vietnam Operations

4 JFA's Per Yea

30-35 Days Per

95 Pax Total

Vietnam, 71st JFA

(1 Oct - 31 Oct 02)

Investigations/Surveys

- 1 Team
- 20 Cases
- 23 Leads
- 10 Provinces

Research Investigation Team (RI

- 1 Team
- 6 Case Investigations
- 5 Provinces

Recovery Operations

- 5 Primary
- 2 Alternate
- 5 Provinces

95 Personnel Total

Team Investigations

Vietnam Operational Achievements

- Underwater Investigation and Recove
- Raised U.S. Flag at DET HQ's
- Flexibility on JFA Start/End Dates
- Flexibility on Team Size
- Direct Flight into Country
- Improved Coordination with Province
- New Vehicles
- Optimized Central Region Field Activi

Vietnam Operational Initiatives

- Upgrade Radios to Improve Communi
- Use of U.S. Ship on Underwater Opera
- Improvements in Unilateral Program
- Accompanied Assignments
- Use of Human Remains Dogs

JFA Schedule

Vietnam

1 Oct - 31 Oct 02

18 Feb - 20 Mar 03

20 Apr - 20 May 03

11 Jun - 11 July 03

LAOS Operations

5 JFA's Per Year

30-35 Days

50 Pax Total

Laos, 76th03-1L JFA

(30 Oct - 3 Dec 02)

Investigations
1 Team
4 Provinces
12 Leads

Recovery Operations
4 Primary
2 Province
5 Alternate

50 Personnel Total

Taoy Base Camp

Laos Operational Achievements

- Flexibility in Field Activity Stop
- More than one Exception Case pe
- New Vehicles
- MEDEVAC AC Procedures in Place
- Start Oral History Program
- Began LKA Investigation Team

Laos Operational Initiatives

- Move the Base Camp
- Increase Team size
- Deploy Direct into Laos
- New Communication Equipment
- Improve the Unilateral and Oral H Programs
- Accompanied Tours

JFA Schedule

Laos

30 Oct - 3 Dec 02

16 Jan - 16 Feb 03

1 Mar - 4 Apr 03

23 Jun - 27 Jul 03

28 Aug - 30 Sep 03

Cambodia Operations

1 JFA Each Year
No Limit on Pax
or Time

LJI/E 2-16 Oct 0

Next JFA
15 Jan-16 Feb 0

Cambodia, LJFA (2 Oct - 16 Oct

Koh Tang Island

Investigations
- 1 Team w/SB
- 12 Cases
- 11 Provinces
- 1 LJI

Recovery Operations (1 TM)
- 3 Primary
- 2 Alternates
- 2 Provinces

16 Personnel Total

Cambodia Operational Achievements

- Began Annual Talks
- Established a Unilateral Prog
- Conduct Limited Joint Excava
- Flexibility on Helicopter Use

Cambodia Operational Initiatives

- Conduct a POW/MIA Seminar
- Conduct an Operational Assessm
- Increase Field Work

Mission Status

Date	Unaccounted-For
1975	2,585
January 1992	2,268
Present	1,904

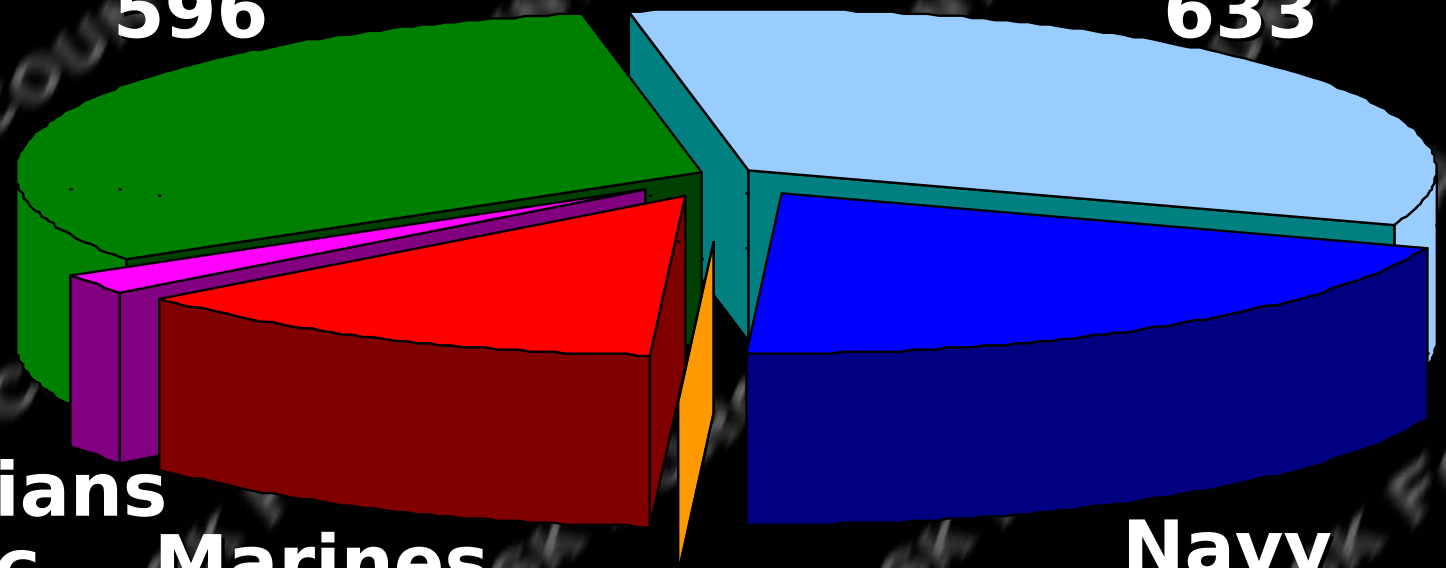
JOINT TASK FORCE FULL ACCOUNTING

1,904 Unaccounted-For

By Country of Loss

1,904 Unaccounted-For

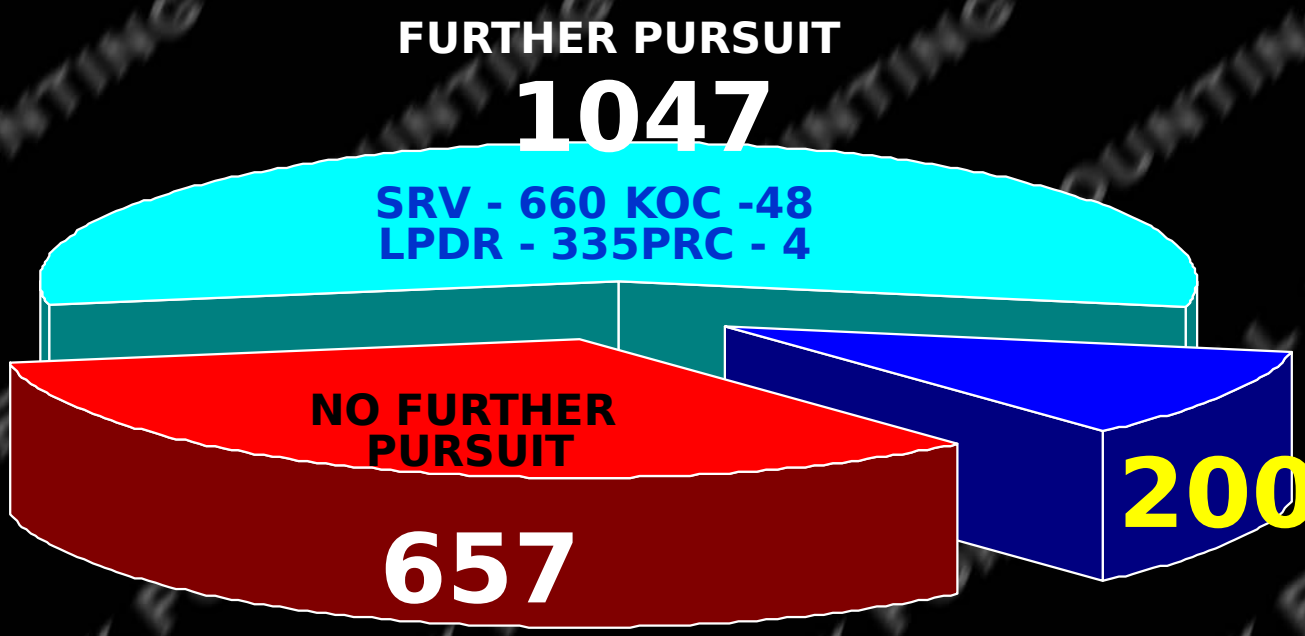
By Service



MISSION STATUS

1,904 Unaccounted-For

Individual Status



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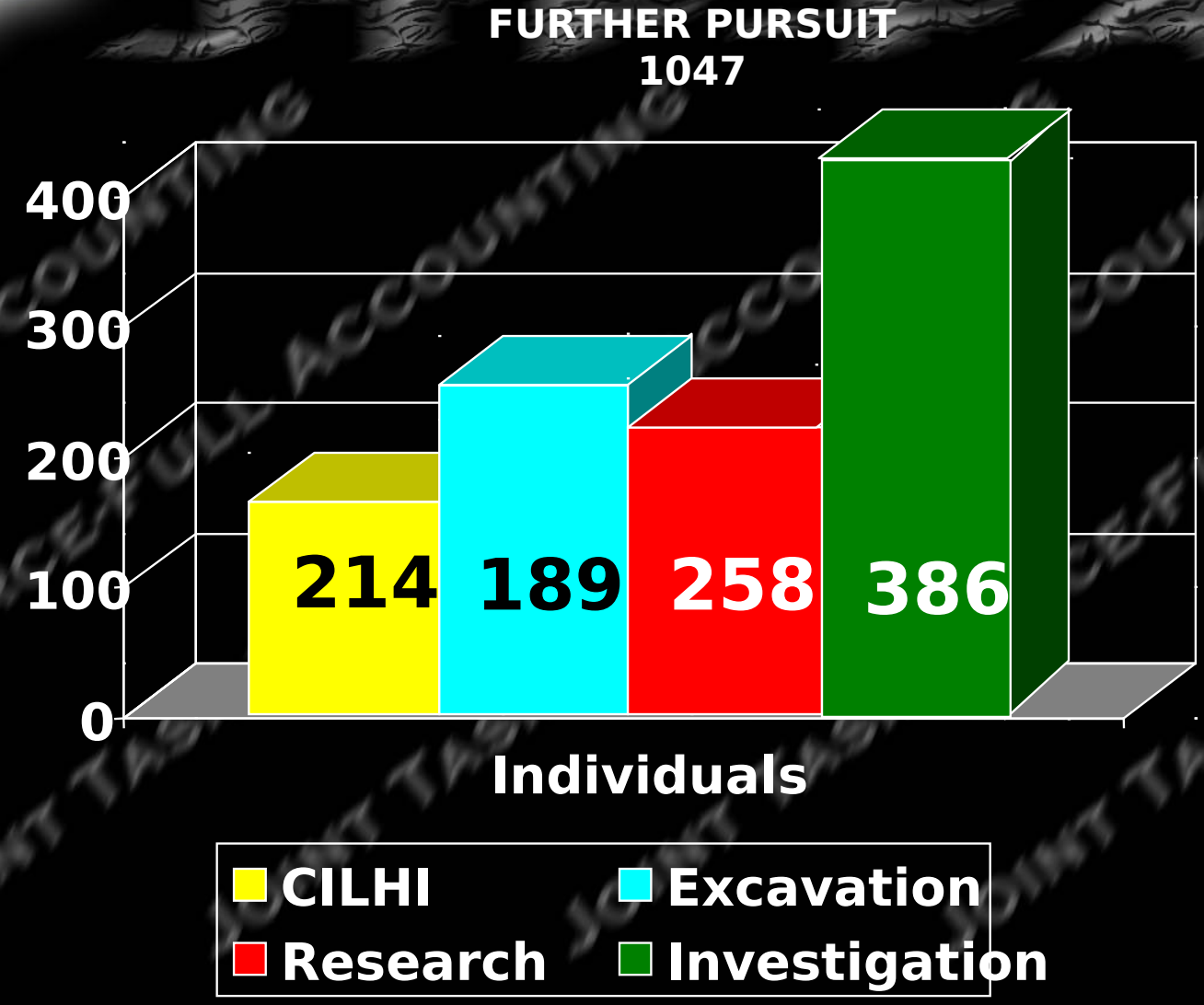
MISSION STATUS

1,904 Unaccounted-For



Case Status

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Challenges

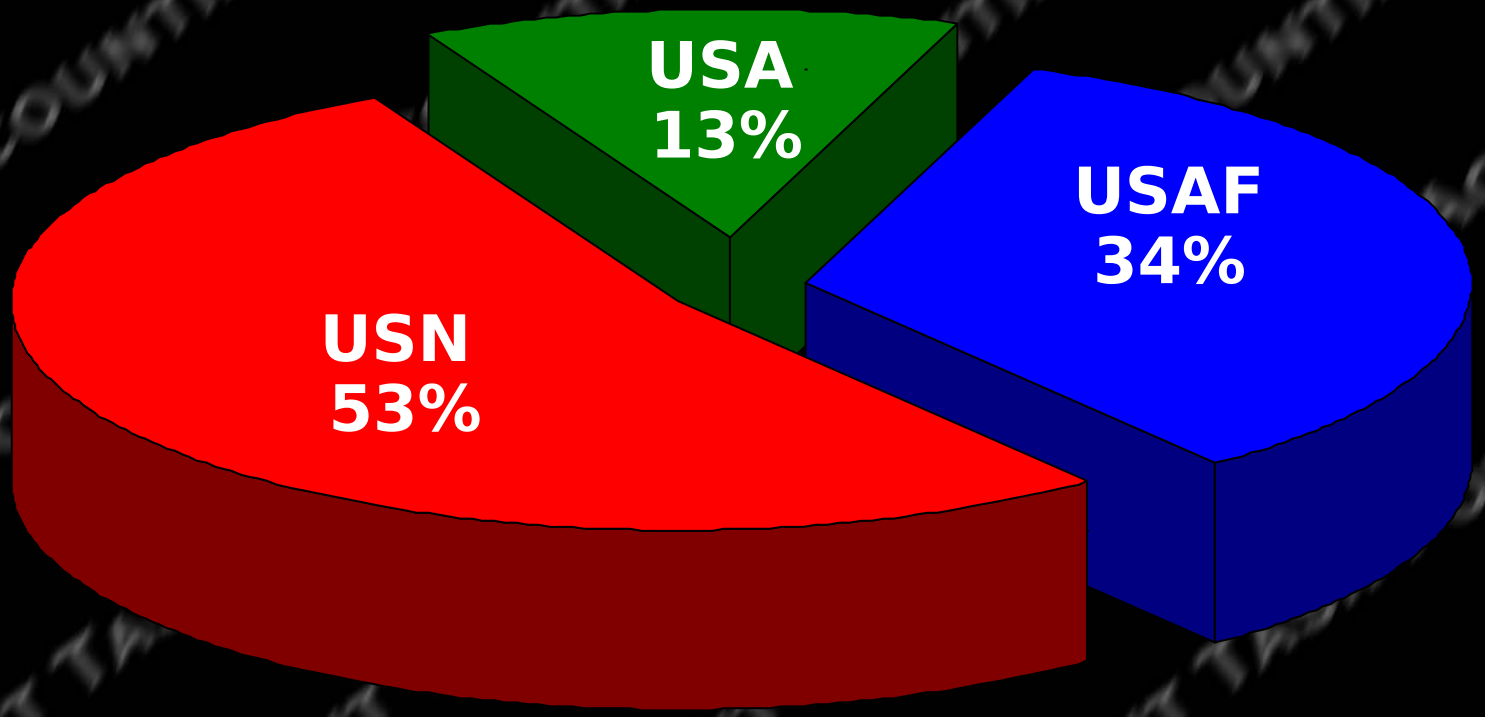
Time is not on our side

Challenges

Safety

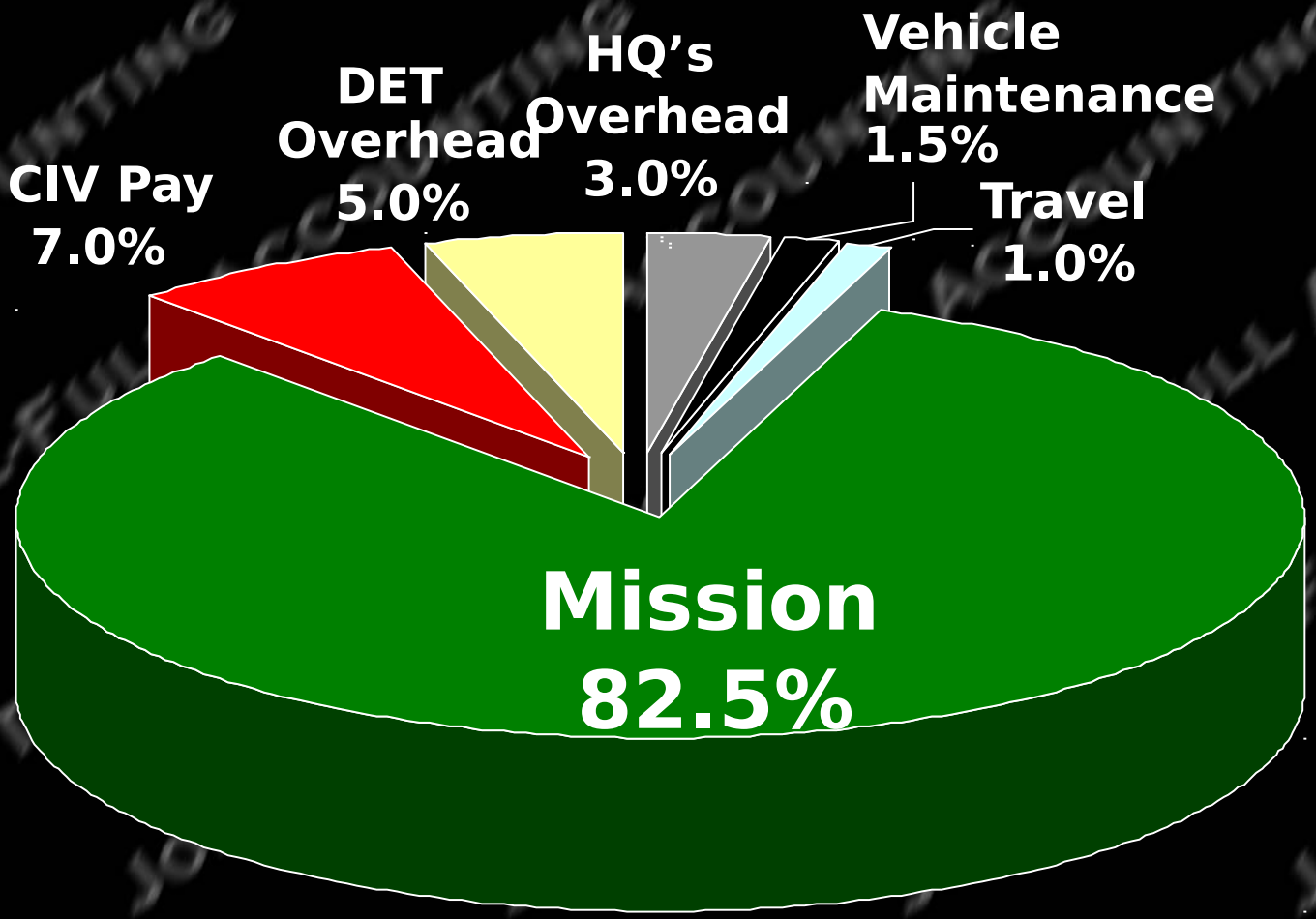
Budget Break out by Service

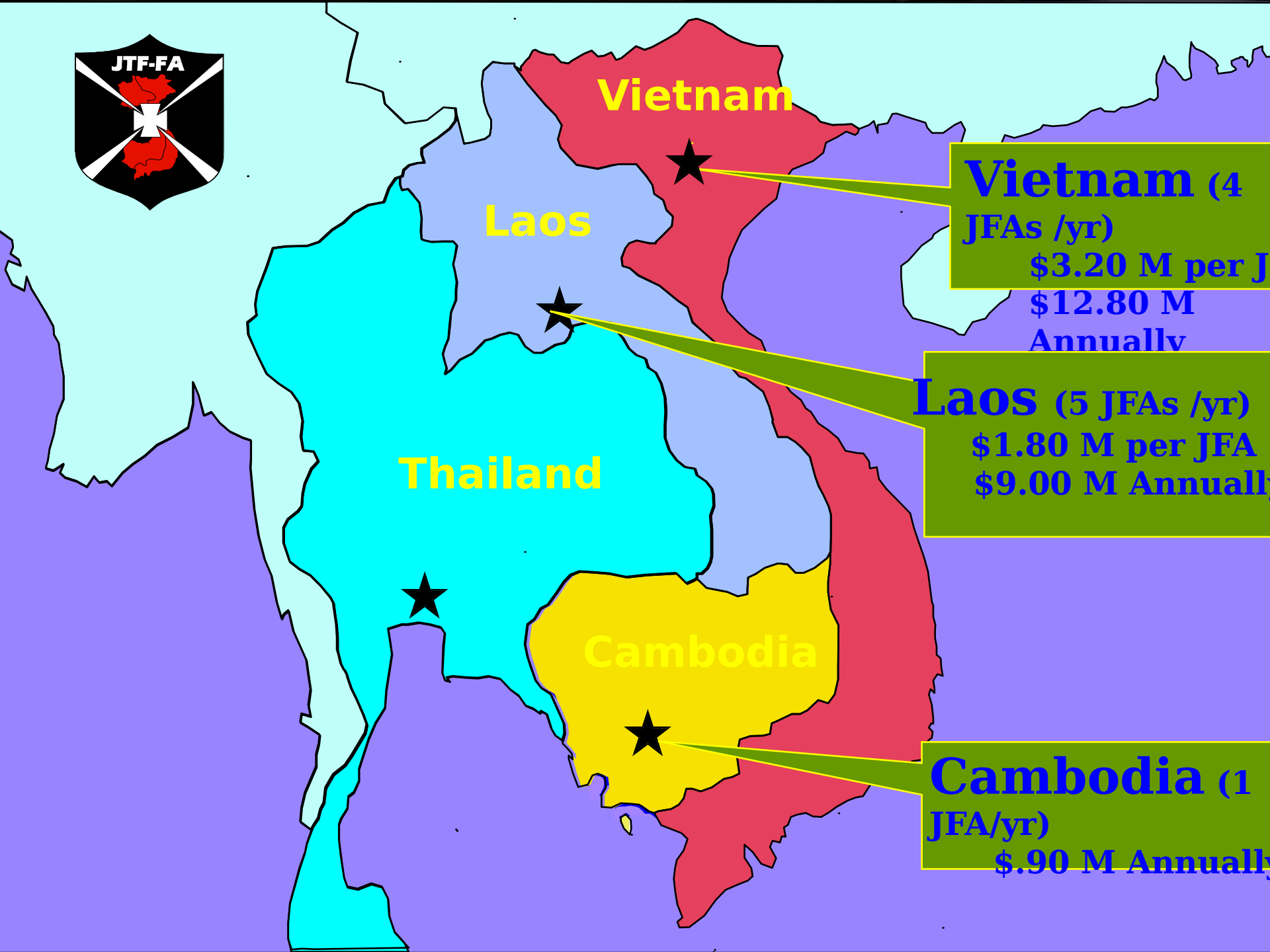
$38.1 M Annual FY03 Operating Budget



Show Me The Money!

$25.28 M Annual FY03 Operating Budget

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Vietnam
Laos
Thailand
Cambodia
Vietnam (4 JFAs /yr)
$3.20 M per J
$12.80 M Annually
Laos (5 JFAs /yr)
$1.80 M per JFA
$9.00 M Annuall
Cambodia (1 JFA/yr)
$.90 M Annuall

JTF-FA/CILHI Merger Initiative

Mission: To provide the fullest possible accounting of American personnel lost in military operations.

Functions:

- **Conduct Analysis**
- **Conduct Investigations**
- **Conduct Negotiations**
- **Conduct Recovery**
- **Conduct Identification**
- **Conduct reporting**
- **Conduct Reporting**

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Reason: To improve operational efficiency and command and control.

Questions ?

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